



State Senator

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Shiawassee-Livingston-Southern Ingham counties

Legislative Update

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE
A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

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BILL OF THE WEEK!

SB 302 and 303: Aid for disabled veterans.

SB 302 would amend the Business Opportunity Act for Persons With Disabilities to require each state department, once a year, to report to the Legislature on the number of businesses owned by persons with disabilities that submitted bids for State procurement contracts and received contracts; and whether the department achieved its goal of awarding at least 3% of total expenditures to such businesses. The bill also would require the Department of Management and Budget to review the departments' progress in meeting the 3% goal once a year, instead of every five years.

SB 303 would amend the Management and Budget Act to require the Department of Management and Budget to give a preference to a qualified disabled veteran of up to 10% of the amount of a competitively bid contract for items needed by State agencies; and make it a goal to award at least 3% of total expenditures to qualified disabled veterans.

Numerous bills were introduced this week!

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

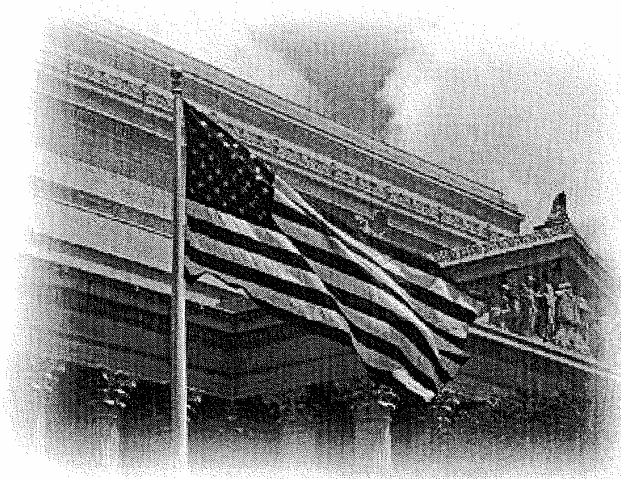
Hearings to be held regarding governor's proposed single business tax shift

House Speaker Craig DeRoche and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema are hosting hearings on the proposed single business tax plan for members of the business community across the state.

The hearings closest to the 22nd District are:
Wednesday, May 25, at 8:30 a.m. in Lansing
Wednesday, June 1, at 8:30 a.m. in Lansing

Quality of Care Comparison Website available!

Information about hospitals nation wide is available at www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov.



*The Shiawassee Regional Chamber of
Commerce & Shiawassee Economic
Development Partnership Present:*

Government Contracting 101:

Discovering New Opportunities

Wednesday, June 1, 2005
7:30 am to 9:00 am

Government Contracting - How to Find Opportunities for my Business
Get a solid foundation to begin your government contracting effort.
This FREE class is intended for businesses that would like to learn more
about the contracting process and how to get involved in this \$300+
billion market.


- ✓ Explore the possibilities for growth and profit by selling to the U.S. Government
- ✓ Get a clear-eyed vision of the how and why to sell your goods or services to Uncle Sam
- ✓ Learn how your company can be competitive and successful in this growing market
- ✓ Discover ways to market your business to the government
- ✓ Identify web sites used to find opportunities and gather tips for efficient searching

Location: Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce
215 North Water St, Downtown Owosso

For more information or to make reservations:

Call (989) 723-5149 or E-mail jhorvath@shiawasseechamber.org

Due to limited seating, reservations are required
Continental breakfast will be served

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is a department of the
Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce
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Notice to those who may attend seminars at the Chamber: The Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/seminar upon 72 hours notice to the Shiawassee Regional Chamber. Individuals with disabilities requiring services should contact the Chamber by writing or calling Joseph Borgstrom, President, 215 N Water St, Owosso, MI 48867, (989) 723-5149, or email at jborgstrom@shiawasseechamber.org